

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2014

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH.

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TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 488.2250 and 488.2253, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to court costs.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 488.2250 and 488.2253, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 488.2250 and 488.2253, to read as follows:

488.2250. **1.** For all transcripts of testimony given or proceedings had in any circuit  
2 court, the court reporter shall receive the sum of [one dollar and fifty cents] **five dollars** per  
3 twenty-five line page for the original of the transcript **and no more than three copies**, and the  
4 sum of thirty-five cents per twenty-five line page for each carbon copy thereof; the page to be  
5 approximately eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size, with left-hand margin of  
6 approximately one and one-half inches and the right-hand margin of approximately one-half  
7 inch; answer to follow question on same line when feasible; such page to be designated as a legal  
8 page. Any judge, in his **or her** discretion, may order a transcript of all or any part of the  
9 evidence or oral proceedings, and the court reporter's fees for making the same shall be paid by  
10 the state upon a voucher approved by the court, and taxed against the state. In criminal cases  
11 where an appeal is taken by the defendant, and it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the  
12 defendant is unable to pay the costs of the transcript for the purpose of perfecting the appeal, the  
13 court shall order the court reporter to furnish three transcripts in duplication of the notes of the  
14 evidence, for [the original of] which he **or she** shall receive [one dollar and fifty cents] **five**  
15 **dollars** per [legal] **twenty-five line page and no more than three copies**, and for [the]  
16 **additional** copies twenty cents per page. The payment of court reporter's fees provided in this

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

17 section shall be made by the state upon a voucher approved by the court.

18 **2. Beginning January 1, 2004, a court reporter shall receive each year, in addition**  
19 **to the amounts described in section 1 of this section, for transcripts a cost-of-living**  
20 **adjustment in the amount of two and one-half percent of the amounts described in section**  
21 **1 of this section.**

488.2253. In every contested case, or case in which the evidence is to be preserved,  
2 except for the collection of delinquent or back taxes, before any circuit judge when an official  
3 court reporter is appointed, the clerk of said court shall tax up the sum of [fifteen] **twenty-five**  
4 dollars, to be collected as other costs, and paid by said clerk to the director of revenue of the  
5 state.